

Excerpts
Unapproved Planning Commission Minutes
November 9, 1999

NEW BUSINESS

Primary Six-Year Roads Plan

Mr. Tim Cross presented the summary of the staff memorandum to the Commission dated October 28, 1999, which included a recommendation of approval. Mr. Cross stated the proposal for the six-year primary roads plan is the same as that for last year except for two minor changes proposed for the State Primary System by reversing the priority of Projects 1 and 2; and two other projects by adding more specific language. The proposal is contained in Resolution PC99-29(R).

Following limited discussion the motion was made by Mrs. White to recommend approval through the adoption of Resolution PC99-29(R), subsequently adopted 6:0 by roll call vote (Mr. King absent). It reads:

**A RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND A PROJECT PRIORITY
LISTING FOR CERTAIN INTERSTATE, NATIONAL HIGHWAY
SYSTEM, SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM, AND
PRIMARY HIGHWAY PROJECTS**

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth Transportation Board has scheduled a series of pre-allocation hearings across the Commonwealth for the purpose of soliciting comments and recommendations from local jurisdictions concerning necessary highway improvements and the distribution of Interstate, Primary, Urban, National Highway System (NHS), Surface Transportation Program (STP), and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ) funds; and

WHEREAS, York County and its representatives have participated in a spirit of close cooperation with the Transportation Board, the Commissioner and the Department of Transportation in furtherance of mutual transportation objectives; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Board has previously approved and scheduled construction of various improvements to the interstate and primary systems in and around York County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has requested the York County Planning Commission to review the proposed projects and priorities with respect to their conformance with the York County Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has given careful consideration to the proposed construction program of Interstate, Primary, and Urban roads;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the York County Planning Commission this the 9th day of November, 1999, that it does hereby make the following recommendations to the York County Board of Supervisors and the Virginia Department of Transportation with respect to the construction program for Interstate, Primary, and Urban transportation systems during the six-year period of FY2000-01 through FY2004-05:

Interstate System

1. Interstate 64 – widen to 6 lanes between Route 17 and Route 105 utilizing a design that will afford development to the ultimate design of 8 lanes (6 general purpose lanes and 2 high-occupancy vehicle lanes) between Interstate 664 and Route 199, in accordance with the I-64 Major Investment Study. Included should be early deployment of Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) technology along the Interstate corridor.

National Highway System

1. Route 17 – widen to 6 lanes and reconstruct intersections between Route 171 (Victory Boulevard) and Route 173 (Denbigh Boulevard/Goodwin Neck Road) in accordance with the recommendations and priorities established in the Route 17 Corridor Improvements Study and verified by an updated report prepared by Hampton Roads Planning District Commission in 1994.
2. Route 105 – widen to 4 lanes divided, with a landscaped median, between Route 17 and the Newport News city line to provide improved traffic flow and operations between an improved Interstate 64 interchange at Route 105 (Fort Eustis Boulevard) and the Coleman Bridge.

Surface Transportation Program

1. Fort Eustis Boulevard Extension – construct new 2-lane roadway on a 4-lane right-of-way between Route 17 and the intersection of Route 173 (Goodwin Neck Road) and Route 622 (Seaford Road), beginning with the segment between Route 17 and Route 634 (Old York-Hampton Highway).
2. Route 238/Baptist Road Intersection Improvements – channelize intersection, provide positive drainage and improve riding surface through this intersection which also serves as the main entrance to the Yorktown Naval Weapons Station. This project is also eligible under NHS criteria.

State Primary System

1. Route 171 - widen to 6 lanes divided between Route 17 and Route 134.

2. Route 171 - widen to 4 lanes divided between Big Bethel Road (Route 600) and the Poquoson city line, providing turn lanes at intersections.
3. Route 171 – widen to 6 lanes divided between Route 134 and Big Bethel Road (Route 600), providing turn lanes at intersections.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the York County Planning Commission recognizes the need for enhancing opportunities for modal choice in the Hampton Roads region and strongly encourages the Commonwealth Transportation Board to consider the needs of, and where appropriate include accommodations for, pedestrians, bicycles, passenger rail and transit within all roadway and transportation project designs.

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED that, as required by Section 15.2-2232, Code of Virginia, the York County Planning Commission specifically finds that the projects recommended herein are in conformance with the York County Comprehensive Plan, Charting the Course to 2015.
